

--37. (new) The device of claim 19, wherein, within said first directional coupler, said two optical waveguides converge toward each other, maintain a coupling distance, and diverge from each other, and within said second directional coupler, said two optical waveguides converge toward each other, maintain a coupling distance, and diverge from each other, and wherein at least one of said first and second electrodes extends into said first directional coupler to where said two optical waveguides maintain a coupling distance and wherein at least one of said first and second electrodes extends into said second directional coupler to where said two optical waveguides maintain a coupling distance.

--38. (new) The device of claim 33, wherein, within said first directional coupler, said two optical waveguides converge toward each other, maintain a coupling distance, and diverge from each other, and within said second directional coupler, said two optical waveguides converge toward each other, maintain a coupling distance, and diverge from each other, wherein said third electrode extends into at least one of said first and second directional couplers to where said two optical waveguides maintain a coupling distance.--

REMARKS

The specification has been carefully reviewed for minor errors, as requested in the Official Action.